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Ms. Nancy-Ann DeParle
Director, Office of Health Reform
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Dear Ms. DeParle,

I am writing to follow up on the conversations that we have had about fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicare system. As we have both agreed, there is a tremendous opportunity to save taxpayers tens of billions of dollars per year, and it is my hope that the White House will take advantage of this bipartisan opportunity.

Today I am introducing an updated version of the legislation that we previously discussed to provide for real-time predictive modeling technology in Medicare so that we can replace Medicare's antiquated pay-then-chase way of pursuing fraud. The financial services industry has seen the dramatic benefits of this technology for reducing credit card fraud, and the American taxpayer should be afforded the same safeguard.

Given that you had expressed support for this idea, and that the White House included it in the President's draft proposal ahead of the White House Health Summit back in February, it is clear that there is bipartisan agreement on this solution to prevent taxpayer funds from being wasted on fraudulent claims. If in the final analysis my name as the lead is a hindrance to advancing this proposal, I have enclosed an unsigned version of the legislative text that you can forward to another Member of Congress.

While I was not able to support the massive healthcare package that was enacted earlier this year, I do see an opportunity for us to pivot away from the partisan atmosphere that currently pervades the healthcare policy realm and enact a real and meaningful solution the American people have urged. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Peter J. Roskam

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